

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4 and 6-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 stands objected as containing minor informalities. Applicants have amended claim 2 herein to correct the minor informalities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding objections.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

First, Applicants note that claims 1, 3 and 5 have been cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to be comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Therefore, claims 4 and 6 are also consistent with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The amendment made herein merely corrects a previous typographical error and is non-narrowing.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection.

Rejections under 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 and 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kishine et al. (US 6,063,871).

Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been cancelled and claim 4 has been amended to solely depend upon claim 6. Thus, Applicants submit that the presently pending claims overcome the outstanding rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

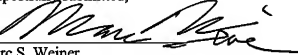
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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